

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: CDFA Auditorium
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MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Item
No.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at approximately 9:00 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by Al Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) **ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Drue Brown	Marvin Meyers	Karen Ross
Al Montna	Ashley Boren	Dan Dooley
Adan Ortega Jr.	Donald Bransford	Tom Deardorff
Craig McNamara	Dave Wehner	Luawanna Hallstrom

Absent:

William Moncovich	Ann Bacchetti-Silva
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(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 30, 2008**

MOTION: Board Member Craig McNamara moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Don Bransford and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) **BOARD PROCLAMATION PRESENTAION**

President Montna and Secretary Kawamura present a California State Board of Food and Agriculture Proclamation to Mike Treacy, CDFA Director of Fairs & Exposition, on behalf of the Network of California Fairs. The proclamation recognizes the significant role that California's fair network provides to our communities. This special recognition was bestowed to the California fairs for actions during the wild fires of October 2007.

(5) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

Board Member Deardorff provided and overview of the VOCs and an update on the current developments in Ventura County as it relates to the issue.

MOTION: Board Member Deardorff proposed that California State Board of Food and Agriculture write a letter in support of the California Environmental Protection Agency's (Cal/EPA) request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regarding expedited consideration of ARB

Executive Order S-07-003 (Appendix H). The action was seconded by Board Member Ross. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Climate Change Resolution

Board Member Deardorff reintroduced the revised draft of the Climate Change Resolution. Revised draft reflected all comments and changes by board members since January meeting. Board discussion of revised draft resolution took place.

MOTION: Board Member Ortega moved to amend introductory resolution clause to include:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board advises the Governor and Secretary that it would be desirable to require regulatory agencies to review regulatory standards to ensure that they balance the combined goals of (i) attempting to minimize the human impact on climate change and (ii) reduce regulatory burdens in order to create a more sustainable future for agriculture in California (iii) sustain a reliable water supply for California agriculture and its stakeholders.

Board Member Bransford seconded amendment, motion passed by vote of the board.

MOTION: Board Member Deardorff moved to approve draft Climate Change Resolution as amended. Motion was seconded by Board Member Bransford, motion passed by vote of the board.

Invasive Species Summit

As follow-up to the January 2008 board meeting, President Montna appointed the following board members to serve on the planning committee for the department's Invasive Species Summit:

Tom Deardorff
Craig McNamara
Dan Dooley

(6) PRESENTATIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS

All speakers provided comment on the board's initiative to develop an 'Ag Vision' for California's agricultural future.

- A.G. Kawamura, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Richard Rominger, Stewardship Council, Roots of Change
- Michael Dimock, President, Roots of Change
- Jennifer Lester Moffitt, Planning Fellow, Roots of Change
- Maricela Morales, Stewardship Council, Roots of Change
- Christi Heintz, Planning Fellow, Roots of Change
- Robert Tse, Director of Trade, California Department of Food and Agriculture

ACTION: Michael Dimock offered the support and assistance of the Roots of Change organization in the development of an 'Ag Vision' for California.

(7) BOARD DISCUSSION ON CALIFORNIA AG VISION POLICY AND TIMELINE

The board had an open discussion on the parameters of an 'Ag Vision' policy and timeline. The following action items resulted:

ACTION: Undersecretary Gomes suggested that Roots of Change give a presentation to agricultural industry CEOs on the research completed by the organization.

ACTION: Board Member Deardorff requested that Secretary Kawamura define the ‘Ag Vision’ and present a request to the board on the public development of the document.

ACTION: Board Member Ross summarized immediate action steps and parameters of the ‘Ag Vision’:

- Timeline for the vision should be limited to 2030
- University of California should develop a future scenario for agriculture in 2030
- Working title of the document will be ‘Ag Vision’ and will contain 3-4 priority clusters.

(8) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Two members from the audience provided comments.

Mark Rentz, Deputy Director, California Department of Pesticide Regulation, provided observations on the visioning process and the role of government within it.

Ken Trott, Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship, California Department of Food and Agriculture, commented on how the visioning process aligns with the long term strategies of other state/federal entities.

One member of the public submitted written comments to the board.

Charlene Orsza, Planning Fellow, Roots of Change, submitted comments expressing encouragement to the board in developing a sustainable vision for the future of agriculture.

(9) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Meyers provided an update to the board concerning the Spreckels Sugar Company and the company’s recent decision to close the plant.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:34 p.m.